

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

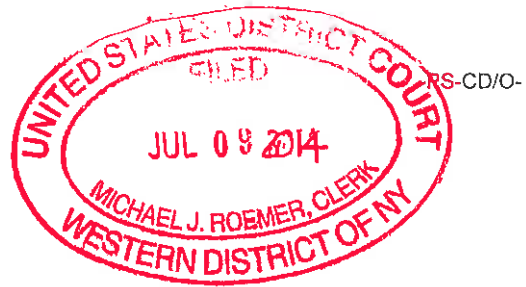
BENJAMIN RIVERA,

Petitioner,

-v-

DALE ARTUS, Superintendent,

Respondent.



DECISION and ORDER
14-CV-6300L

Petitioner Benjamin Rivera, acting *pro se*, an inmate of the Attica Correctional Facility, seeks relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, alleging that his conviction in Supreme Court, Monroe County, State of New York, was unconstitutionally obtained, as set forth more precisely in the petition. Petitioner has paid the \$5.00 filing fee. Accordingly,

IT HEREBY IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Respondent shall file and serve an **answer** to the petition, in accordance with Rules 4 and 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, no later than **ninety (90) days after entry of this Order**. Further, the answer shall state whether a trial or any pre-trial or post-trial evidentiary proceeding was conducted. If any such proceeding was conducted, under the authority of Rule 4, the Court hereby directs respondent to provide to the Court the transcript of the proceeding, together with any record(s) of such proceeding, and such documents will be filed in the official record of this case.

Respondent also shall file and serve by the above date a **memorandum of law** addressing each of the issues raised in the petition and including citations of relevant supporting authority.

Within thirty (30) days of the date this order is served upon the custodian of the records, the Clerk of Court or any other official having custody of the records of the proceedings in Supreme Court at issue now before this Court shall submit such records to the respondent or respondent's duly authorized representative.

If petitioner appealed from the judgment of conviction or from an adverse judgment or order in a post-conviction proceeding, under the authority of Rule 4, the Court hereby directs respondent to provide to the Court a copy of the briefs on appeal and the opinions of the appellate courts, if any, and such documents will be filed in the official record of this case.

If petitioner chooses to file a written response to the answer and memorandum of law, he should file the response within sixty (60) days of receipt of the answer.

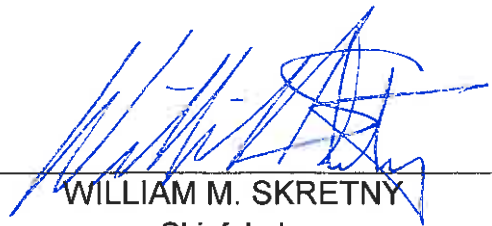
Within thirty (30) days of the date this order is filed with the Clerk of Court, respondent may file a motion for a more definite statement or a motion to dismiss the petition, accompanied by appropriate exhibits which demonstrate that an answer to the petition is unnecessary. The timely filing of such motion shall extend the time for filing an answer for fourteen (14) days, but the failure of the Court to act upon the motion within that time shall not further extend the time for filing an answer.

2. The Clerk of Court shall serve a copy of the petition, together with a copy of this order, electronically via a Notice of Electronic Filing to <Alyson.Gill@ag.ny.gov> and Arlene.Roces@ag.ny.gov> of the Office of the Attorney General, Federal Habeas Unit.

PETITIONER MUST FORWARD A COPY OF ALL FUTURE PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE ATTORNEY APPEARING FOR RESPONDENT.

SO ORDERED

Dated: 7/9, 2014
Buffalo, New York



WILLIAM M. SKRETNY
Chief Judge
United States District Court